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at Minimum Strength

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1. The Infantry Division consists of the staff, intelligence platoon, liaison company, engineer platoon, escort company, field hospital, assault battalion and three to four brigades. The staff of the division is divided into Hqs. and auxiliary sections.

- (a) The Hqs. Section of the Staff is composed as follows:

Divisional Commander
Deputy Commander
Political Commissar
Chief of Staff

Operational Section
Section Commander
Assistant Section Commander
Operations officer
Duty officer

Intelligence Center
Chief of Intelligence Center
1st Assistant Chief
2nd Assistant Chief
3rd Assistant Chief
Duty - Intelligence officer
Technical officer

Liaison Section
Section Commander
Assistant Section Commander
Radio Telegraphy officer
Signals officer
Field telephone officer
Cipher officer

- (b) The Auxiliary Section of the Staff is composed as follows:

Cadre Section
Section Commander
Assistant Section Commander
Administrative clerk

Propaganda Section
Chief of Section
Chief's Assistant
Administrator
Officer in charge of fixed defenses

Medical Section
Section Commander - Doctor
Assistant Section Commander
Two Medical Orderlies

Intendant's Office
Chief of Intendant's office
Chief's Assistant
Three Intendants
Treasurer
Administrator

Political Section
Secretary of Political Section
Two Staff Members
Secretary of SKOV

Administrative Office
Chief of Administration
Clerk-Administrator

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<u>Summary:</u> Staff of division - Hqs. and Auxiliary Sections	60
Intelligence Platoon	14
Liaison Company	31
Engineer Company	41
Defence (staff) Company	49
Assault Battalion (divisional reserve)	175
Field Hospital	15
Three to four brigades	1980 - 2640
Total strength of division	2355 - 3015

2. The Brigade consists of the staff (Hqs. and Auxiliary sections), intelligence section, liaison platoon, engineer platoon, escort company and three battalions.

(a) The staff of the Brigade is divided into Hqs. and Auxiliary sections;

<u>Hqs. Section</u>	Commander Deputy Commander Political Commissar Assistant Political Commissar Chief of Staff	Total 5
<u>Auxiliary Section</u>	Operation officer Chief of Center (OC) Assistant to Chief Personnel officer Liaison officer Chief of Administration "Intendant" of Staff Assistant "Intendant" Brigade Quartermaster Medical officer Assistant Medical officer	Veterinary officer Ordnance officer Propaganda officer Military correspondent Secretary of SROJ Butcher Cook Two assistant cooks Driver Section officer Nine combatants Total 31

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(c) The Liaison Platoon is under the immediate control of the liaison officer.

<u>Hqs. Section</u>	Commander Political Delegate Section Commander	Three telephone men Three linemen One driver
<u>Wireless Section</u>	Section Commander Three wireless telegraphists	
<u>Signal Section</u>	Section Commander Four signallers	
<u>Courier Section</u>	Section Commander Seven couriers	Total 27

(d) The Engineer Platoon consists of the following sections:

<u>Hqs. Section</u>	Commander Political Delegate
<u>Pioneer Section</u>	Section Commander Ten pioneers
<u>Sapper Section</u>	Section Commander Ten sappers
<u>Auxiliary Section</u>	Quartermaster Medical orderly Cooks (four) Three drivers
	Total 33

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- (e) The Escort Company consists of the staff of the company and two detachments of 81mm heavy mortars:

Hqs. Section	Commander Political Delegate	
Auxiliary Section	Quartermaster Medical orderly Four combatants Two couriers	<u>Total 13</u>
1st Detachment of heavy mortars	Detachment commander Two gun layers Two Leaders Two ammunition carriers Three drivers	<u>Total 10</u>
2nd Detachment of heavy mortars	Same as above	<u>Total 10</u>

<u>Summary:</u> Staff of the Brigade - Hqs. and Auxiliary Sections	36
Intelligence Section	6
Liaison Platoon	27
Engineer Platoon	33
Escort Company	33
Three battalions	525 = 537
Total in brigade	660 = 672

3. The Infantry Battalion consists of battalion Hqs. with two rifle companies, a machine gun platoon and an engineer platoon. The battalion Hqs. is divided into a Hqs. section and an Auxiliary section:

Hqs. Section	Commander Deputy Commander Political Commissar Deputy Political Commissar	<u>Total 4</u>
Auxiliary Section	Intelligence officer Assistant Intelligence officer Intendant Quartermaster Medical orderly Armorer of the battalion Tailor Four couriers	Shoe-maker Propagandist Clerk Secretary of SKOJ Corporal Liaison Section Commander Four Signalmen <u>Total 21</u>

<u>Summary:</u> Battalion Hqs. Section	4
Battalion Auxiliary Section	21
1st Rifle Company	49
2nd Rifle Company	49
Machine gun Platoon	22-26
Engineer Platoon	30
Total	176-179

Note: When the number of men in a battalion is above establishment, a 3rd rifle company is formed, and with a further increase in the number of men, engineer and machine gun platoons are also formed. The maximum strength of the battalion would, therefore, consist of three rifle companies, one machine gun company and one engineer company.

4. The Engineer Platoon consists of a command section, auxiliary section, anti-tank section, sapper section, and pioneer section. The anti-tank section is equipped with one P.O. gun 15mm., with one automatic rifle (Puske mitralje), and with four trench mortars. Two of the mortars are equipped with special armor piercing bombs and two are Molotov mortars with percussion bombs (Molotovkama = Zapaljivna klasana). If the battalion has an armor piercing gun, the armor piercing section continues to function as such with such arms as it possesses.

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Command section	Commander Political Delegate	<u>Total 2</u>
Auxiliary section	Intelligence officer Medical orderly Quartermaster Two cooks Driver	<u>Total 6</u>
Armor piercing section	Section Commander Four gun layers One leader Four bombers	<u>Total 10</u>
Sapper section	Section Commander Three sappers	<u>Total 4</u>
Pioneer section	Section Commander Seven pioneers	<u>Total 8</u>
<u>Summary:</u>	Command Section of Engineer Platoon 2 Auxiliary Section 6 Armor piercing Section 10 Sapper Section 4 Pioneer Section 8 Total 30	

Notes: If the number of men in an Engineer Platoon is above establishment the armor piercing section may be increased to 12, the sapper section to 10 and the pioneer section to 12. If the platoon has two armor piercing guns it is then formed into a company made up as follows: Company Hqs., two armor piercing sections, one sapper section, and one pioneer section.

5. The Machine gun Platoon consists of a Hqs. Section, Auxiliary Section, and two machine gun detachments. Each detachment has a heavy machine gun in its armament. The number of men in the detachment varies according to whether the machine gun is carried or whether it is on a gun carrier. For this reason there are two types of machine gun detachment. In type (a) the machine gun is carried on a gun carrier and in type (b) it is carried by hand. Type (a) is always regarded as the normal one.

Command section	Commander Political Delegate	<u>Total 2</u>
Auxiliary section	Quartermaster Two cooks Driver Medical orderly Gunsmith	<u>Total 6</u>
Machine gun detachment type (a)	Detachment Commander Two Gun layers Two ammunition carriers Two drivers	<u>Total 7</u>
Machine gun detachment type (b)	Detachment Commander Two Gun layers Two ammunition carriers Four drivers	<u>Total 9</u>
<u>Summary:</u>	Hqs. Section of Machine gun Platoon 2 Auxiliary Section 6 Two machine gun detachments 14 - 18 Total 22 - 26	

Notes: If the platoon has three heavy machine guns at its disposal, then it may be formed into a machine gun company. That company, therefore, would contain three machine gun detachments and a Hqs. company.

6. The Rifle Company consists of a Hqs. Section, Auxiliary Section and two platoons. The platoon (Vod) consists of two sections. The company, therefore, consists of four sections of which three are automatic rifle sections (Puske-Mitritraljeska) and the fourth a trench mortar section (Lakebacacka). If the company has no

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trench mortar, four automatic rifle sections are then formed.

Hqs. Section	Commander Deputy Commander Political Commissar Assistant Political Commissar		<u>Total 4</u>
Auxiliary Section	Intelligence officer Commissariat officer Three cooks	Driver Medical orderly Two stretcher bearers	<u>Total 9</u>
1st Platoon	Hqs. Section Platoon Commander Political Delegate	Automatic Rifle Section (PMD) Section Commander Two gun layers Five gunners	<u>Total 8</u>
	Automatic Rifle Section (PMD) Section Commander Two gun layers Five gunners		<u>Total 8</u>
2nd Platoon	Hqs. Section Platoon Commander Political Delegate	Automatic Rifle Section (PMD) Same as above	
	Trench mortar Section (LBD) Section Commander Two gun layers Five gunners		<u>Total 8</u>
<u>Summary:</u>	Company Hqs. Section Company Auxiliary Section 1st Platoon 2nd Platoon Total		4 9 18 18 <u>49</u>

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